



# News Release

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## State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## Benton County

In December 2008 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Randall J. Swanby** (RC00057436) and placed his registration on probation for two years. He was convicted of assault and unlawful possession of a controlled substance. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

## Chelan County

In December 2008 the Chiropractic Commission terminated the order of probation against chiropractor **David W. Wall** (CH00002771).

## Clark County

In December 2008 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the order of probation against pharmacist **Robert S. Kellar** (PH00019666).

In December 2008 the Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Prevention Systems charged paramedic **Ronnie D. Steward** (ES00106105) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of driving under the influence.

### **Clallam County**

In December 2008 the Medical Commission charged physician assistant **Robert S. Dalm** (PA10004370) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly provided substandard care to a patient by failing to adequately address the patient's complaints and symptoms leading to further complications, failing to appropriately document the patient's visits, and revealing negative feelings towards the patient in the medical records.

### **Grays Harbor County**

In December 2008 the Registered Counselor Program denied the application of **Ryan D. Donahue** (RC00057899). Restrictions were placed against his temporary psychologist license in Kansas. He can't reapply for three years.

### **Island County**

In December 2008 the Medical Commission charged physician **Wylie N. Vracin** (MD00020146) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

### **Jefferson County**

In December 2008 the Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Prevention Systems granted the application of emergency medical technician **Joseph Rodrigues** (ES60033615). He was convicted of minor in possession and entered into a diversion program for malicious mischief. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

### **King County**

In December 2008 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Charles W. Alford** (RC00060263) and placed his registration on probation for 60 months. He was convicted of theft on more than one occasion, malicious mischief, and assault – domestic violence. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In December 2008 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the order of probation against pharmacy assistant **Deon Boyd** (VB00061415).

In December 2008 the Board of Pharmacy reinstated the license of pharmacist **Ken A. Grant** (PH00039004).

In December 2008 the Radiological Technologist Program amended the statement of charges against **Joseph Leigh Moldovan** (RT00002399). Allegations include dating a patient, inappropriately touching and making comments to a patient, and going against physician orders by using a dye contrast on a patient for a neck soft tissue scan. He is also known as Leigh Moldovan.

### **Pierce County**

In December 2008 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Suzette Marengo** (RN00113821) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted controlled substances from her place of employment for personal use. She was convicted of driving under the influence and unlawful possession of a controlled substance on more than one occasion.

In November 2008 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Samantha Valerie Massey** (NA60020812). She was convicted of theft and malicious mischief.

In December 2008 the Registered Counselor Program placed the registration of **Elizabeth M. Oreskovich** (RC00013767) on probation for one year. She rented business space to a client, rented the basement of her house to a client, shared business space with a client, and traded counseling services for massage services. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

### **Snohomish County**

In December 2008 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Jennifer Lynn Tangen** (HC60031555) and placed her license on probation for two years. She was convicted of two counts of forgery. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

### **Spokane County**

In December 2008 the Midwifery Program reinstated the license of **Linda L. Marks** (MW00000174).

### **Thurston County**

In December 2008 the Medical Commission reinstated the license of physician **Donald R. Miller** (MD00026759) and placed his license on probation. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

### **Out of State**

**Colorado:** In November 2008 the Medical Commission denied the application of physician applicant **Janet C. Dean** (MD00048560). Her license to practice as a physician in Colorado has been placed on probation for an indefinite period of time.

**Illinois:** In November 2008 the Medical Commission denied the application of **Celso Agner** (MD60013021). He provided inappropriate care to a patient and poor management in the case of another patient.

**Montana:** In December 2008 the Board of Pharmacy granted the application of pharmacy intern **Kyle S. Brown** (IR00069473). He was convicted of driving under the influence on more than one occasion. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

**Ohio:** In December 2008 the Medical Commission denied the request for reinstatement of the license of physician **David C. Blocker** (MD00027013).

**Oregon:** In December 2008 the Medical Commission placed the license of physician **Edward A. McCluskey** (MD00043587) on probation until his Oregon license is released from all terms and conditions. He failed to conform to acceptable medical practice standards in Oregon. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

**Pennsylvania:** In November 2008 the Medical Commission denied the application of physician applicant **Gari L. Worley** (MD60011664). She was terminated from her residency at the University of Kentucky.

**Texas:** In December 2008 the Medical Commission entered into an agreed order with physician **David L. Burger** (MD00039295). Restrictions were placed on his license to practice as a physician in Texas. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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